GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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BOLLYWOOD NEXUS WITH UNDERWORLD
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have recently directed CBI to probe the nexus of Bollywood stars,producers and financers with the Dubai and Pakistan based underworld mafias;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the Government have since received reports from various committees set up by the Government to probe the nexus between mafias and Bollywood Stars, producers and financers;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) the action plan formulated by the Government to delink underworld mafias with Bollywood Industry?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

(a) to (b) No direction hasd been recently issued by the Central Government to the CBI to carry out a probe into the general question of a nexus between Bollywood Stars, producers and financers with the underworld. However, as per the information received from the Government of Maharashtra, a nexus between some persons in the filmworld and the underworld has been established and the Mumbai Police have arrested film producer Nazim Hassan Rizvi, AssistantProducer Rahim Allabux Khan and film financer and diamond merchant Bharat Shah. The chargesheet against all the three along with the wanted Chhota Shakeel and one Anjum has been filed in the Special Court.

(c) & (d) The Central Government have not set up any Committee to probe into the nexusbetween the mafia and Bollywood stars, producers and financers.

(e) The Government of India have accorded industry status to the film sector with the primary objective of extending institutional finance to the film sector. A notification has been issued by the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance whereunder the entertainment industry including films has been specified as an approved activity under `Industrial Concern` in exercise of powers conferred by Section 2(c)(xvii) of the IndustrialDevelopment Bank of India (IDBI) Act. IDBI and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) hav evolved certain guidelines to enable banks and financial institutions to fund proposal for financing of films.